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1. The fleet of the Polish Oder Navigation Company (Polska Zegluga na Odrze) comprises approximately 1,700 barges, each of which makes five return trips during the navigable season. There are two types of barges: i.e., WROCLAW, maximum load 500 to 600 tons; and FINOW, maximum load 250 tons. The majority are of WROCLAW type.
2. The Czech Oder Navigation Company (Ceskoslovenska Plavebna Oderska)¹ is entirely independent of the Polish organization; the vessels ply under the Czech flag. The Czech fleet comprises approximately 150 barges with a maximum load of 600 tons.
3. The transport tonnage from Silesia to Szczecin (Stettin) (and vice versa) in 1953 was as follows:
 - a. global tonnage, Silesia to Szczecin 2.7 million
 - b. global tonnage, Szczecin to Silesia 1.8 million
(i.e. approx. 70% of "a")
4. To increase the yield from the traffic of barges, the Navigation Directorate has started operating transports during the night which will enable a part of the barges to accomplish six trips during the navigable season. The average load capacity of a barge is only 305 tons, due to the varying depths, and, at times, insufficient water.

1. Comment: Now the Czechoslovak Elbe-Oder Navigation Company (Ceskoslovenska Plavba Labsko-oderska-CSPLO)

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